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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6028th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

3 p.m. . . . . 6029th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad and the Sudan

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), as from *today*, 3 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund

There will be a High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, on Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Open ended informal consultations on the commemorative plenary meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (agenda item 64) will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 4 December 2008, in Conference Room 2, and on Friday, 5 December, in Conference Room 8.

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/63/314, A/62/782, A/62/748, A/62/748/Corr.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/63/283, A/C.5/62/27, A/C.5/63/9, A/62/7/Add.39 and A/63/545))	

General Assembly

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Fourth session

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Independent Audit Advisory Committee
2. The world financial and economic crisis and its consequences
3. Executive session

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 3 December 2008

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters (draft resolution on international migration and development))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other activities

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Wednesday, 3 December 2008

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08.htm>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 3 December 2008

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Mark Bowden, Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia (on the situation in Somalia)

1.30 p.m.. . . . . H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein; and Mr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) (on the recent report of the Court on the situation in Darfur)

Security Council stakeout

Afternoon[1]. . . . . Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6029th meeting of the Security Council on Chad and the Sudan.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 4 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 62nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea . . . . . [70]

   (a) Oceans and the law of the sea

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/63, A/63/63/Add.1 and A/63/342)

      (ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79)

      (iii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting (A/63/174 and A/63/174/Corr.1)

      (iv) Draft resolution (A/63/L.42)

   (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/128)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.43)

2. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.23) . . . . . [45]

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . . [114]

   (o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of hemical Weapons: draft resolution (A/63/L.46)

   (r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.44)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 22nd meeting on Thursday, 4 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 3rd and 4th meetings on Friday, 5 December 2008, in the morning, following the adjournment of the plenary meeting of the General Assembly, and at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Open-ended Working Group (tel. 1 (212) 963-4389).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals considered by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts" (under agenda item 11) (convened by the delegation of India)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 5 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

Friday, 5 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

Friday, 5 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Other forthcoming meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau the Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI/NGO communication workshop on "Exploring new technologies in media: Where do you get your United Nations news?"

Thursday, 4 December 2008:

Panel discussion

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Hands-on workshop: Using news technologies: Writing for the Web and blogging

From 1.30 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (L 270C).

Panel discussion on "HIV and young people: Leadership for change" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, with the support of UNFPA, UNAIDS and the Committee on HIV/AIDS of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Mari Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail ortegav@unaids.org; cc: buhaine@unaids.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on "African shared values on democracy, good governance and human rights within the context of the 2006 Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, in partnership with the Department of Political Affairs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Marieme Kane, African Union (tel. 1 (212) 319-5490, ext. 15; e-mail kaneaumission_ny@yahoo.com).]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Seminar on Migration Data (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit: <www.unitarny.org/en/data.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

Security Council

6026th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Somalia, Spain and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/748, submitted by Australia, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/748) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/748) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1846 (2008).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Indonesia, the Russian Federation and Italy.

6027th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in the Central African Republic and the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2008/733)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. François Lonseny Fall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in the Central African Republic.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls, Chair of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Belgium.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Fall and H.E. Mr. Grauls.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

61st plenary meeting

The summary of the 61st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/236).

Corrigendum

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 43rd meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/229, p. 19): The following text *should have been added* at the end the summary:

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Jordan made a statement.

Afghanistan, Lebanon and Pakistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Social development: implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. [55 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda orally revised the text and announced that Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkey and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5/Rev.1, as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.14/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda announced that Belarus, Israel, Italy and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Austria and Mexico also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.14/Rev.1.

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.52**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt made a statement and announced that the Congo, the Gambia, Jamaica and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Central African Republic, Estonia and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries).

The representative of Israel requested a vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 175 to 5, with 5 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the Federated States of Micronesia, Canada and Argentina.

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba made a statement and announced that Bangladesh, Rwanda and Saudi Arabia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bolivia, Chad, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia, Namibia, Sierra Leone, the Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Togo and Zambia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 122 to 53 with 4 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States and France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries).

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.28

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Azerbaijan, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bolivia and the Gambia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.28, by a recorded vote of 125 to 53, with 3 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of France (on behalf of European Union and associated countries). After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.29

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Comoros, Ethiopia, Italy, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Spain, the United States of America and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.29.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar

7th plenary meeting

General exchange of views on reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues . . . . . [8 (a)]

H.E. Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia, addressed the Conference.

A statement was made by the representative of Qatar.

A statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of this item.

The meeting was suspended for the President of the Conference to read a joint statement by the State of Qatar and for the President of the General Assembly to make a statement, in his capacity as Chairman of the Main Committee.

The meeting was resumed.

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee [7 (b)]

The Conference considered the report of the Credentials Committee, contained in document A/CONF.212/5.

The President of the Conference, on behalf of the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, informed the Conference, that since the meeting of the Committee, formal credentials had been received from Haiti, Kuwait, Maldives, Nicaragua, the Niger and Suriname, and provisional credentials had been received from Montenegro.

The Conference adopted the report of the Credentials Committee and thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference . . . . . [10]

The Chairman of the Main Committee, H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the General Assembly, reported on the work of the Main Committee and introduced the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, contained in document A/CONF.212/L.1, A/CONF.212/L.1/Corr.1 and A/CONF.212/L.1/Corr.2.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introducing an oral amendment to the draft outcome document.

A statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

The Conference adopted, by consensus, the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference.

The representative of France made a statement (on behalf of the European Union).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Adoption of the report of the Conference . . . . . [11]

The Rapporteur-General introduced the draft report of the Conference.

The Conference adopted the draft report, contained in document A/CONF.212/L.2, as introduced by the Rapporteur-General and authorized him to finalize the report.

Expression of gratitude to the host country

Introduction of a draft resolution

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution, contained in document A/CONF.212/L.3.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution, by consensus.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Closure of the Conference

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a statement, on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The President of the Conference made a statement and declared closed the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus.

Main Committee

2nd meeting

The Chairperson of the Main Committee, H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, opened the meeting of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement, in which he corrected the annex to the draft resolution contained in document A/CONF.212/L.1 and corrigendum 1 thereto. He also stated that the annex would be adjusted, as required, to be consistent with the text approved by the Working Group of the Committee, and that all necessary corrections would be included in a second corrigendum to be issued for consideration by the Conference. He further informed the Committee that the draft resolution would be re-issued for technical reasons to include the corrections contained in A/CONF.212/L.1/Corr.1 and the additional corrigendum to the annex (draft outcome document of the Conference).

The Chairman-cum-Rapporteur made a statement.

The representatives of Brazil and Barbados made statements.

The Secretary of the Main Committee responded to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to adopt draft resolution A/CONF.212/L.1 and corrigendum 1, as further orally corrected by the Secretary of the Committee, and requested the Chairman to transmit it to the Conference for its consideration.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8 (b).

The Chairman made a statement.

Multi-stakeholder round tables under the overall theme "Looking ahead: further cooperative actions in financing for development"

Round table 6

Addressing systematic issues: enhancing coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development

The Co-Chairpersons of round table 6, H.E. Mr. Joon Oh, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, and H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, Vice-Minister for North America and Multilateral Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, opened the round table.

The Moderator, Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the following panellists: Mr. Hany Dimian, Deputy Chairman, International Monetary and Financial Committee, and Deputy Minister of Finance of Egypt; Mr. John Eatwell, Professor, University of Cambridge; Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid; Mr. Adib Mayaleh, Chair of the G-24 and Governor of the Central Bank of Syria; Mr. Joakim Stymne, State Secretary, International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden; and Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Doha Review Conference and Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.

Comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of: Algeria, Indonesia, India, Brazil, Spain, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ecuador, Senegal, Norway and Egypt, as well as by the representative of the International Development Law Organization (institutional stakeholder participant), the representatives of the Business Steering Committee on Financing for Development and the African Business Women's Organization (business sector participants) and the representatives of the Instituto del Tercer Mundo, Eco-Accord and the New Rules for Global Finance Coalition (civil society participants).

The panellists responded to comments and questions raised.

The Moderator made concluding remarks.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Definitive signature: Guyana (2 December 2008)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Costa Rica (1 December 2008)[1]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN). Geneva, 26 May 2000

Entry into force of amendments to the Regulations annexed to the ADN: 28 February 2009

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States *today,* 3 December 2008, and thereafter, at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 December 2008.

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A/63/570	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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A/63/575–S/2008/742	Item 21 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/C.2/63/L.65	Items 118 and 52 (a) — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/738	Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/63/575–S/2008/742	Letter dated 26 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2008/744 Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus [A C E F S]

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